(b) Does not arise.

Sale of Banned Drugs

4291. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many multinational drug manufacturing companies in India are selling such drugs in the market which are banned in U.S.A. and in some other European countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not banning these drugs in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). As per information available, the drugs, namely, 'Phenformin' (an anti-liabetic drug) and 'Analgin' (an analgesic-antipyretic) reported to be prohibited for sale in the United States continue to be marketed in many Eruopean countreis as well as developing countries including India. The popular brands of these drugs are marketed by M/s. U.s. Vitamin and M/s. Cadilla; M/s. Hoechst and M/s. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. respectively.

The Government have permitted continued marketing of the above drugs in consultation with medical experts and expert bodies like ICMR on the ground of overall favourable benefit-risk ratio.

Recognition to Post Graduate diploma in Hindi Journalism

4291-A SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have not recognised the Post-graduate Diploma in Hindi Journalism introduced in the year 1987-88 by the Indian Mass Communication Institute, Delhi;

(b) if so, the reaosn therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take a decision in this regard at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The matter is under active consideration of the Government of India.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nagina Mishra.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will hear you one after another.

SHRI MANORAJAN BHAKTA (Andaman & Nicobar): Sir, the Academy of Motion Pictures of New York has announced a special Oscar Award for Shri Satyajit Ray. I think no section in this House would oppose the idea of praising Mr. Satyajit Ray. From your side, you can kindly say a few words of praise as he has brought honour to this country. I request the House, through you, to congratulate him.

SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA (Jadavpur): Sir, the announcement of the Academy of Motion Pictures of New York that a special Oscar Award has been awarded to Mr. Satyajit Ray is a matter of pride and honour for all of us. So far, only six film